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## JACK ANDERSON CIA Director Wrongly Tied To Renegade

The staff director of the House Intelligence Committee chose to call a mysterious episode in the murky career of convicted gun-runner Edwin P. Wilson "The Stansfield Turner Affair."

The label is unfair. The former CIA director committed no impropriety; he didn't even know he was being linked to Wilson, who was a fugitive ex-CIA agent at the time. Here's what happened:

In early 1978, Turner was having a house built in suburban Washington. As head of the CIA, he required a security system for his new home.

"The builder gave me the choice of several security systems," Turner told my associate Dale Van Atta. He said he chose Honeywell because an old friend was a top executive of the company.

Unbeknownst to Turner, a one-time associate of Wilson also worked at Honeywell, as sales manager for its protective services division. One day this man got a call from Wilson. He later told the Intelligence Committee he "was instructed by Ed to have someone from Honeywell con-

tact Stansfield Turner" about an alarm system for the CIA chief's home.

The sales manager assumed Wilson was acting at Turner's behest. Like many people, he thought Wilson was still working for the CIA—an impression Wilson cultivates to this day.

So the former associate asked Gar Woodward, a retired colonel who still works at Honeywell, "to contact someone at Turner's office, one of his liaison people, and arrange to look at the house . . . and see what it needs." Woodward, like Turner, knew nothing of the Wilson connection.

Wilson's associate told the House committee behind closed doors that Turner got at least a 50 percent discount on the security system, and that it was also "paid for out of petty cash from CIA funds." Both Woodward and Turner say they were unaware of any discount; both vehemently deny that the CIA paid for the job.

In fact, Turner produced the building contract for his home, which shows an estimate of \$1,800 for a security system as part of the construction cost. Turner recalled that, when the actual cost turned out to be \$1,950, he paid the additional \$150 through an adjustment in the closing costs. The CIA's only involvement was to see that the system was connected to CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

What remains a mystery is how Wilson knew Turner was looking for a home-security system. The most likely conclusion is that someone in the CIA's "old boy network" found out about it from the CIA's office of security, and mentioned it to Wilson.

It would be typical of Wilson to use this information to nurture the idea that he was still a CIA man. He made his fortune through good connections, and seized every opportunity to "legitimize" himself by real or perceived intimacy with the great and the near-great.

One thing is clear: Turner had no idea Wilson had any involvement with Honeywell. The two were "like oil and water," according to a knowledgeable source. Turner's major housecleaning at the CIA began when he fired two agents who were moonlighting for Wilson.